

National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC). The NCBC examines requests after receiving the representations from time to time and sends advices to the Central Government for inclusion of such castes/ communities in the Central list of OBCs.

Functioning of National Institutes for handicapped

2851. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have ordered that the four National Institutes dealing with diverse handicapped people to avoid camps and have direct interaction on a sustained basis for benefit of handicapped people;
- (b) whether it is a fact that some NGOs have been given numerous districts to be the nodal agencies for all handicapped works;
- (c) if so, the names of NGOs who are in sole charge of more than four districts and the names of such districts;
- (d) the reasons for this administrative decision to shrink the National Institutes; and
- (e) the steps proposed to review this decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN):

(a) No, Sir.

- (b) and (c) In the current financial year, no such proposal is there.
- (d) and (e) Do not arise in view of above.

Establishment of Ekalavya Model Residential Schools in Orissa

2852. DR. RADHAKANT NAYAK: Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that ten Ekalavya Model Residential Schools have been established in the State of Orissa;
- (b) the exact locations (district and blocks) and whether these Schools differ from the existing Ashram Schools and Sebasrams; and